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Please Join Us for a Media Preview of the Exhibit

Photographs by Hugh Morton: An Uncommon Retrospective

at the

N.C. Museum of History

5 East Edenton St., Raleigh

on Thursday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon

Remarks begin at 10 a.m.; visit exhibit at 10:30 a.m. Interviews with Jack Morton and Stephen Fletcher follow. (If you can't stay the entire time, come when it suits you.)

Get a **sneak preview** of this exhibit featuring North Carolina's history and beauty through the eyes of photographer Hugh MacRae Morton (1921-2006), a Wilmington, N.C., native. Morton's prolific career spanned eight decades, and his images showcase his love for Tar Heel people, events, landmarks, nature, sports and tourism. Opening Saturday, Aug. 13, the traveling exhibit is on loan from the UNC Library's North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives.

The exhibit's 87 images feature dozens of Morton's lesser or unknown photographs, as well as some classics. While many capture aspects of daily life, others depict celebrities and events. We hope to see you on Aug. 11 for the media preview!

Interview Opportunities with Jack Morton and Stephen Fletcher

These men will be available for interviews after the exhibit tour:

Jack Morton, Hugh Morton's grandson and a Raleigh photographer, and **Stephen Fletcher, photographic archivist** at UNC Library's North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives.

Please RSVP to Susan Lamb at 919-807-7943 or <u>susan.lamb@ncdcr.gov</u>. *Please contact Susan if you want a parking pass.*

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call <u>919-807-7900</u> or access <u>ncmuseumofhistory.org</u> or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

Image File Grandfather Mountain: "Grandfather Masterpiece," 1945. Image credit: Photograph by Hugh Morton. © UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries.

About the N.C. Museum of History

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 300,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. Led by Secretary Susan Kluttz, NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.